

MANCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 7, 2007
6:00pm

Location: City Hall

Commissioners Present: Michael Poisson, Victor Goulet, Tara Hurst, Gregory Duval, and

Commissioners Absent: Jerry Thibodeau, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy, Lou DeMato,

Alternates Present: Todd Connors, Gregory Sargent

Guest: Pat Mattson

Submitted by: Gin Poisson, Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2007

Agenda: Four Presenters

February Minutes: Accepted as submitted. Motion made by Victor Goulet, seconded by Todd Connors, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:
None.

New Bills:
None

Old Business:
None

New Business: Presenters:

1) Luke Hurley – Gove Environment and Corey Dubois, CLD Engineering – Vopar Project

Since the site walk as well as comments from the city we have created a larger permanent impact than originally presented through the wetlands. In order to provide more cover over sewer pipes, this changed a temporary impact to a permanent impact– 2800 square feet of wetland impact. Corey went over changes with members of the board.

Ruthanne Steffen - 176 Hoyt Street – concern of leveling and clearing everything all at once – a phased project over eleven years. Because of the shock to the neighborhood with the clearing, A thought on approaching the neighbors to consider a tree line / shrub line – suggested contacting existing abutters to see if they would like a natural looking green wall/fence.

Luke asked for a conditionally signed approval in order to expedite the project.

Diane Malley an abutter to the project had concerns that Stanton Street presently has no drainage. She has lived there for 23 years and after 13 years her basement was flooded, and feels that the water table as changed. Lots of neighbors had water in their basement during recent heavy rains. Her concerns were specifically drainage. Diane Malley was not present during the presentation.

With no further comments a motion to accept on a condition that one of the driveways be adjusted as to not affect two (2) wetland buffers. The drive will impact a lesser wetland as per requested, seconded by Victor Duval, all in favor, motion carried.

2) Natalie Duval – Dredge and Fill for a Pond off Stark Lane – Client Paul Rumfelt 240 Stark Lane – Paul Scarpetti 207 Stark Lane

Pond was originally man-made with island added in – it remains mostly dry.- they will wait until the pond is bone dry in August – 20,000 feet will be effected – intention is to lower the pond one foot all across which will take out most of the debris – pond consist mostly silt and logs. They will drain the operation to create a 3-1 slope. Expect materials taken out will be dry. Reason for doing this is that they would like to take advantage of PSNH lowering the river for almost two months. During heavy rain events, the ponds' water level is raised and the owner has had water in his basement due to the increase in water level, The City of Manchester has agreed to come clean out the culvert. However, no date has been set. No invasive plants are in this area.

A motion to approve on a motion made by Victor Goulet, seconded by Gregory Duval, all in favor, motion carried.

3) Manchester Housing – Ken Edwards – Hackett Hill Map 766 Lot 15

Plans have been re-worked – easement got larger in our favor and it was basically finished today (June 7, 2007) Proposal is for a research and development park. There are two wetland impacts – in order to access the site and some of the lots. Asking that this commission act as stewardship of the property. NHDES will not approve application without a plan in place. They need a mitigation plan of who will steward the property.

Letter from NHDES – Purpose of letter is to provide assurance that the Manchester Conservation Commission intends to be the grantee of a proposed conservation easement on Lot 6, at the proposed Northwest Business Park off Hackett Hill Road. As currently proposed, this easement consists of approximately (+-)5.2 acres of undeveloped forested land containing the Atlantic White Cedar / Black Gum basin swamp identified as Wetland #50 on plans by WEST Associates, Inc.

Condition: We would request that the grantor would go over and put our markers along the boundaries.

A motion to accept stewardship with condition made by Tara Hurst, seconded by Victor Goulet, all in favor, motion carried.

4) Maxwell Pond Dam Removal – Todd Connors SPOKE WITH Chuck DEPRIMA FROM THE MANCHESTER DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION and Charlotte Brodie from Dubois and King

History of Maxwell Pond: Three or four years ago, this was one of the ponds that the MCC suggested that the dam be removed and the stream bed be returned to its' original state. (originally man-made). We recommended to the alderman at that time that we remove the dam – A year ago when the floods came, the dam and the road received damage. Currently repair is more expensive then removal – so now they are dedicated to removing it. Shown on plans is once dam is removed they intend to construct the stream channel. They will be creating a flood plane area with more embankments. They have cross sections. The pond is not very deep and there is a lot of silt in it. Our original plan was to restore it to the way it was at one time. Permanent impact would be 3511 square feet. Commissioners had lots of questions and will request more information from Charlotte Brodie, i.e.: Drainage calculations? Will it affect property on Black Brook? Will there be erosion? How will they divert the water? What will happen upstream? What will happen downstream? Expected course of the brook? Will work be performed downstream? Stabilizing the bed? Will they be maintaining active flow of stream during construction? Plantings? Where are the property line boundaries? Is it city owned? After much discussion it was agreed that Todd would send an email to Charlotte Brodie. Todd suggested that a site walk be planned. Best for everyone is after work around 5:30 – Wednesday is preferred.

Mail:

1) SNHPC Newsletter (2)

2) NH DOT Island Pond Road over I-93 NB, SB – Replacement of Bridges and Extension of Soundwall

Adjacent to Pinebrook Place, I-93 SB

- 3) NHDES – DES File No. 070424-02 – Map Lot No. 789/13 – Notification of Application
- 4) NHDES – File No. 2007-00567 city of Manchester Parks and Recreation Tax Map 133, Lot #1 – Acknowledging receipt of report.
- 5) NHDES – Schiller Street – Manchester Tax Map Lot No. 655 / 17 Approval of Wetlands and non-site specific permit 2007-00718
- 6) NHDES – GFI Manchester Riverfront – copy of administrative review
- 7) NHDES – File No. 2007-00177 – Manchester – Merrimack River notification of hearing
- 8) NHDES – File No. 2007-00177 – Keyspan Energy Delivery – Notification of hearing
- 9) NHDES – File No. 2007-00177 – Keyspan Energy Delivery – Wetlands Permit
- 10) NHDES – Manchester-Boston Regional Airport – approval of Water Quality Certification with condition.
- 11) City of Manchester – Planned Development File No. PD-07-2004 McLane Way – Letter from abutters Jean and Angela Michaud
- 12) The Smart Associates – Final Wetland Mitigation Plan – Runway 24 Safety Area Improvement Project
- 13) PSNH – Amoskeag Dam – Water Level Lowering
- 14) SNHPC –Conservation Commission Institute Meeting Agenda

Other Business:

Victor Goulet suggested that the Commission plan Stewardship walks.

Victor Goulet suggested that the Commission get a sub-committee together to work on Master Plan Book on the West Prime Wetland Study. Victor Goulet, Todd Connors, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy will serve on the sub-committee. Are there any other Commissioners' willing to join this sub-committee? Chairman will be Victor Goulet. Please contact Victor if you would like to join this committee

Michael received a phone call from Mr. Curtain about South Mammoth Road – Dredge and Fill – Project is at Zoning Board tonight to eliminate lot lines – he is concerned about the wetland.

Todd Connors received a call from Paul who lives at 450 Cohas Drive. Complained that neighbor has redirected Hogg Brook and it affects the stream banks at his property. Todd will be going out to his house to investigate and will report back to this Commission.

Guest:

Pat Mattson: Phantom parking lots have been cleaned up. All lamps, glass and wiring have disappeared.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm on a motion made by Todd Connors, seconded by Gregory Duval, all in favor, motion carried.